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1. On 3 March, Econoff delivered reftel talking points to Beti Likar, MFA Desk Officer for Iraq. According to Likar, to date Slovenia has disbursed USD 585,000 in bilateral grant assistance, above and beyond its Madrid pledge of USD 420,000. This aid has been in the form of police training, psycho-social support for children and preparation for the training of Iraqi managers. Of the amount disbursed, slightly more than USD 72,000 was given to UNICEF for the supply of clean drinking water.

2. In addition to amounts already disbursed, Slovenia will distribute an additional USD 60,000 "in the near future" for the UN Protection Unit. The GOS has also decided to donate to Iraq a large quantity of weapons and equipment for its security forces (approximately EUR 5.2 million), and additional EUR 100,000 for the Trust Fund for NATO Training Mission outside Iraq, five instructors for the training of Iraqi military forces "when appropriate conditions in a third country are established", and an additional USD 130,000 for the continuation of psycho-social support to Iraqi children in the framework of "Project Together". Slovenia will also review possible concrete contributions to the EU Integrated Rule of Law mission for Iraq.

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